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"PATENT APPLICATION"

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

BERNARD LOUIS DIT PICARD

U.S. Serial No. 10/018,050

Group Art Unit 1771

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HYDROPHILIC COTTON PRODUCT COMPRISING
A SOFT SURFACE AND A SCRAPING SURFACE

Alexandria, Virginia
March 28, 2002

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to action by the Examiner in the captioned
application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1-12 without prejudice.

Add new claims 13-26 as follows:

-- 13. (New) A hydrophilic cotton product of 100%
cotton fibers comprising at least one first outer layer and
at least one second outer layer, wherein the first outer
layer comprises fine fibers exhibiting a low micronaire

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